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A check of the files of the Boston Field Division disclosed the following references concerning Dr. Walter Bradford Cannon of Cambridge, Mass.

The new case entitled Vladimir Vladimirovich Lehedenko, Internal Security (R) contains photostatic copies of two letters forwarded by Dr. Cannon which were obtained from Confidential Informant [redacted] Division. One is a letter from Dr. Cannon postmarked June 21, 1945 addressed to Dr. Lehedenko at the Russian Embassy expressing his regret that he was unable to meet the doctor and also his regret for not being able to go to Moscow and inviting Dr. Lehedenko to visit him at his summer home. The letter further stated one PAVLOV was an honored guest at his home after the psychological congress (date illegible, probably in 1928 or 1929). Another letter postmarked August 9, 1945 at Franklin, New Hampshire, addressed to Dr. Lehedenko at the Russian Embassy consisted generally of the same information as that given above and including specific directions as to how Dr. Lehedenko could get to Cannon's cottage. He further described some of the early history of that section of New England and its economic set-up.

100-2560-104-8A. This file is entitled Russian War Relief. 8A was not located.

100-2560-104-7A. This serial consists of nine copies of the Russian War Relief group at Lawrence. Among these may be Dr. Cannon.

100-300-7-page 28. This is a report of Special Agent L. G. Healey dated 2/1/42 at Boston in the case entitled North American Spanish Aid Committee, Internal Security (R). A highly confidential source furnished a list entitled "General List of Medical Bureau," the exact nature of which list is not known but it probably represents the membership list of the organization. An examination of this list disclosed the names of Dr. and Mrs. Walter S. Cannon, Cambridge, Massachusetts (6 Frisbie Place).

100-2169-186-page 35. This is a report of Special Agent William F. Norton, Jr., 6-25-45 at New York in the case entitled National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Internal Security (C). On April 15, 1945 Confidential Informant [redacted] advised that Edwin S. Smith of subject organization prepared a report to the members of the National Council on the activities of the organization which report was dated March 7, 1945. Among the general activities of the Council was the following notation: "October 1944 issuing of an open letter to Henry R. Luce signed by a group of notable Americans including Walter B. Cannon criticizing Mr. Luce

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and Life Magazine for the publication of ex-Ambassador Bullitt's article entitled "The World from Rome." [redacted] is a highly confidential and reliable source having access to the premises of the subject organization.

100-2169-186-page 52. This is the same report mentioned above. On April 15, 1945 Confidential Informant [redacted] furnished a report of the membership of the organization by the board and officers of the National Council at its annual meeting on April 6, 1945. According to this report the name of Dr. Walter B. Cannon of Cambridge, Massachusetts, is listed as being on the membership of the Council.

100-1268-34-page 62. This is a report of Special Agent George V. Flavin dated March 10, 1943 at Boston in the case entitled Young Communist League, Internal Security (C). A trash cover on the residence of HY GORDON and ALICE GORDON, FRANCES SMITH and JEROME OLRICH, all functionaries of the CPA in this district, disclosed two typewritten sheets of paper entitled "List of Student Leaders," listed according to the various colleges and under the name Harvard College was the name W. B. CANNON.

100-2169-53. This file is entitled National Council of American Soviet Friendship. This reference is a flyer issued by the Massachusetts Council of American Soviet Friendship - "Strengthen American Soviet Friendship" consisting of a program for November 14, 1943 at Symphony Hall, Boston, at which time various speakers appeared, among them being Eugene Kisselev, Consul General of the USSR. According to this flyer Professor Walter B. Cannon was listed as a sponsor of the meeting as well as a national sponsor of the organization. This flyer was printed by the Century Press of Boston, official printer of the Communist Political Association of this district.

100-2169-45. This a Summary of Information Report from the First Service Command which stated that the Massachusetts Council of American-Soviet Friendship sponsored a mass meeting on the night of November 14, 1943 at Symphony Hall, commemorating the tenth anniversary of the establishing of diplomatic relations between the USA and USSR, at which time Richard Linsley, prominent member of the CPA of this district, read several messages to the audience from various prominent individuals among which was a message from Professor Walter Bradford Cannon of Harvard University.

100-2169-43A. This is a newspaper clipping from the Daily Worker of October 23, 1943 captioned "Ickes to address American Soviet rally on November 8." This rally was held at Madison Square Garden, New York City to celebrate the tenth anniversary of American Soviet relations and Dr. Walter Cannon of Harvard University was listed as one of the speakers.

100-2169-42. This is a newspaper clipping from the Daily Worker captioned "Scientists to Hold Panel on U. S. Soviet Tie." The article stated that prominent scientists will participate in a scientific congress on the occasion of the tenth anniversary of American Soviet relations to be held for three days, November 6-8, at the Hotel New Yorker and Madison Square Gardens under the auspices of the NCASF. The article stated the scientific congress has as its honorary chairman Professor WALTER B. CANNON of Harvard University and several others. The article further stated that Dr. V. V. Lehedenko, Russian Red Cross representative in the United States, will address the medical panel on "Russian Advances in Military Medicine."

100-2169-145-page 5. This is a report of Special Agent Charles E. Pelletier dated February 1, 1945 at Boston in the case entitled National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Internal Security (C). The local office of this organization issued a pamphlet entitled "Facts You Will Want to Know about the Massachusetts Council of American Soviet Friendship." An examination of this pamphlet disclosed Professor Walter B. Cannon as a sponsor of the Massachusetts Council.

100-2169-98-page 3. This is a report of Special Agent Milton F. Allen May 12, 1944 at Boston in the case entitled National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Internal Security (C). Confidential Informant (trash cover) (maintained at the residence of David and Barbara Bennet, Cambridge, Massachusetts,) disclosed a copy of the Council minutes for the meeting held February 3, 1944 and the minutes were recorded on the letterhead of the organization which listed the sponsors of the organization, among them being Professor Cannon.

100-2169-98A. Not located.

100-2169-23. This is a newspaper clipping from the Daily Worker of April 16, 1943 captioned "Massachusetts U. S. - Soviet Group Formed." The article indicates that the Massachusetts Council of American Soviet Friendship affiliated with the recently formed National Council of American Soviet Friendship last week and the article listed Dr. Cannon as a sponsor of the Massachusetts Council.

100-2169-97-page 16. This is a report of Special Agent William Francis Norton, May 4, 1944 in New York in the case entitled "National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Internal Security (C)." A highly confidential source advised that there is on file in the national headquarters of this organization a report dated July 10, 1943 with reference to the activities of the Massachusetts Council of the American Soviet Friendship indicating that the Massachusetts Council has a fairly representative and broad list of sponsors although it was weak on trade unions. Among the

sponsors listed was Professor Walter B. Cannon. This report also indicated that the relations of the local council with the Russian War Relief was very good.

100-2169-69-page 10. This is a report of Special Agent Richard T. Hradsky, Boston, dated 1/31/44 entitled National Council of American Soviet Friendship, Internal Security (R). The report summarizes a check of the files of the Boston Field Division with reference to the sponsors of this organization and Professor Cannon is summarized as follows: "Internationally known in his field of medicine and holder of numerous academic honors, served as a lieutenant colonel, United States Army Medical Corps, World War I, participated in the National Sharecroppers Week. In 1937 served as chairman of the Greater Boston Committee to Aid Spanish Democracy. He was listed by the Dies Committee as chairman of the National Executive Committee Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy. He signed an open letter published by the National Council of American Soviet Friendship denouncing suspicion of our Soviet ally, member of the National Committee of the American Committee for Democracy and International Freedom."

100-307-78-page 24. This is a report of Special Agent James A. Fitzpatrick dated 4/4/44 at Boston, Massachusetts, in the case entitled Joint Anti-Fascist Refugee Committee, Internal Security (C). A highly confidential source made available a copy of the secretary's report indicating that Dr. Cannon was one of the members contacting less important people in the community for the purpose of supporting the organization or to become sponsors or to furnish names for guest lists and for special appeal letters.

Page 26 of the above report. The same informant furnished a copy of the minutes of the regular meeting of the executive board of the organization held September 9, 1942 which disclosed that the secretary of the organization reported the number of specialized appeals were being issued and asked for the greatest possible help from the members of the executive board in suggesting names suitable for this appeal and other appeals; that "The House of Health" was to go to doctors. Dr. Cannon regretted his inability to sign the appeal letter because he had recently done one of national circulation.

Page 98 of the above mentioned report reflects that the same informant advised that the Boston chapter directed a memorandum to individuals in various trade unions announcing that an application had been made to the Greater Boston War Fund for the organization to be included as a beneficiary to the extent of \$30,000 in order to promote its anti-Fascist and pro-labor activities. This stated that JAFRC had been endorsed by the Massachusetts State Council of the CIO and the Greater Boston Council of the CIO and



requesting that a communication be immediately sent to Mr. C. Raymond Chase, Associate Director of the Greater Boston War Fund, urging favorable consideration be given to the committee's application. A similar letter was directed to Dr. Cannon, 20 Prescott Street, Cambridge.

100-307-78-page 122. The same informant advised that Dr. Cannon of the Harvard University Medical School was one of the signers of a petition to the President of the United States dated April 1, 1943 for the release of the Spanish Republicans, International Brigadiers and other anti-Fascists imprisoned in African concentration camps.

100-285-17-page 5. This is a report of Special Agent K. M. Kimberly, dated January 22, 1942 at New York in the case entitled "Descendants of the American Revolution, Internal Security (R)." This report reflects that on March 8, 1939 an article appeared as a press release from Boston, Massachusetts, indicating that a unit of this organization was to be formed in Boston, Massachusetts, to protest against the DAR's refusal to allow a negro singer the use of Constitution Hall in Washington, D. C. Dr. Cannon, Harvard Professor of Physiology, was listed as one of the sponsors of the Descendants of the American Revolution.

100-278-3-page 7. This is a report of Special Agent F. W. Haviland dated February 1, 1941 in Chicago, Illinois, in the case entitled American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Internal Security (C). This report indicates that this organization issued a booklet entitled "Proceedings - Fourth Annual Conference" held at Washington, D. C. May 2 and 3, 1940, which contained a list of the Board of Directors and sponsors of the ACPFB and according to this booklet Dr. Cannon is listed as a sponsor.

100-310-6-page 54. This is a report of Special Agent T. W. Dawsey, March 10, 1941 at Washington, D. C. in the case entitled National Federation for Constitutional Liberties Et Al, Internal Security (C). This report listed the names and addresses of individuals and organizations contained in the active indices of the NCL and it is believed that the names were accumulated by Reverend Owen A. Knox over a period of years and also by the old American League for Peace and Democracy group. The list is broken down alphabetically under each office and Dr. Cannon is listed under the Boston office with the following notation "Harvard Medical School, Cambridge, Massachusetts (DBOL, ACPFB, F)

100-961-24-page 4. This is a report of Special Agent L. G. Healey, Boston, May 8, 1943 in the case entitled The Citizens Lobby of Massachusetts, Internal Security (R)." According to the Daily Worker of January 30, 1943

the Citizens Lobby sponsored a victory legislative conference to be held at the Hotel Bradford, Boston, Massachusetts, on January 31, 1943 and there was recovered as a result of a trash cover at the home of Hy Gordon and Alice Gordon, prominent CPA functionaries of this district, a call to this conference. Hy Gordon at the time was educational director of the Communist Party of Massachusetts and his wife was the president of the YCL of Massachusetts. According to this call, Dr. Cannon is listed as a sponsor for the conference.

100-309-7-page 24. This is a report of Special Agent Howard Fletcher, Jr., 12/24/41, New York, in the case entitled American Committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom, Internal Security (C). This report reflects that a letterhead of the organization listed the name of Professor Walter B. Cannon as a member of the national committee of this organization.

61-180-65-page 29. This is the Quarterly Intelligence Summary of the Bureau dated May 5, 1942, volume I, which reflects that Professor Walter B. Cannon is a member of the national committee of the American committee for Democracy and Intellectual Freedom.

61-9-7-page 20. This is a report of Special Agent V. Walser Prosperi dated 5/5/41 at Newark, in the case entitled the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born, Internal Security (C). This report indicated that the ACPFB met in its fifth national conference March 29-30, 1941 at the Hotel President, Atlantic City, New Jersey, and that delegates who registered at the convention were furnished a folder containing literature, a complete set of which was furnished to the Bureau. Contained in the folder was a brochure entitled "Souvenir Journal." This journal contained a complete list of the sponsors of the organization and among the persons listed as sponsors was Dr. Walter B. Cannon of Harvard Medical School.

80-28. This file is the result of an investigation conducted at the request of the Bureau to obtain as much information as possible both favorable and unfavorable on individuals who claim to be experts in the field of scientific crime detection. Our letter to the Bureau dated June 19, 1937 with reference to Professor Walter Bradford Cannon, physiologist, reads as follows:

"Please be advised that Walter Bradford Cannon, a physiologist, was born at Prairie du Chien, Wisconsin on October 19, 1871. Mr. Cannon received an A. B. degree at Harvard University in 1896, an A. M. degree at Harvard in 1897 and an M. D. degree at Harvard Medical School, 1900. He also received an Sc. D. degree at Yale in 1925, an LLD degree at Wittenberg College in 1927 and an LLD degree at Boston University in 1929. He also received a degree of Doctor, honoris causa at the Universities of Liege and Strassbourg in 1930 and at the University of Paris in 1931. He was Baly medalist at the Royal College of Physicians of London in 1931.

"Mr. Cannon was instructor in zoology at Harvard University from 1899 to

1900 at which time he became an instructor in physiology at the same university and continued to teach the latter subject until 1902. Then he became an assistant professor from 1902 to 1906 and has been a George Higginson professor at Harvard since September 1, 1906.

"Mr. Cannon was Croonian lecturer for the Royal Society at London in 1918 and was a Harvard exchange professor to France in 1929 and 1930 and was a Linares lecturer at Cambridge University, Cambridge, England, in 1930.

"Mr. Cannon is a Fellow of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, a member of the National Academy of Sciences, American Philosophical Society, American Physiological Society, Association of American Physicians, Society of Experimental Biology and Medicine, American Medical Association and Massachusetts Medical Society.

"He is also an honorary member of the Royal Society of Edinburgh, Scotland, as well as corresponding member of Societe de Biologie, of Paris, France; Royale Accademia delle Scienze, of Bologna, Italy; Sociedad de Biologia, of Buenos Aires; Societe Belge de Biologie, of Brussels; President of Medical Research Society of America.

"Mr. Cannon was with the American Red Cross in France in 1917 and 1918, being commissioned a lieutenant colonel of the United States Army Medical Corps at that time. He was decorated with order of Companion of the Bath, an English decoration in 1919; and he received a Distinguished Service Medal of the United States.

"Mr. Cannon is author of "A Laboratory Course in Physiology," published in 1910; "The Mechanical Factors of Digestion," published in 1911; "Bodily Changes in Pain, Hunger, Fear and Rage," published in 1915 and 1920; "Traumatic Shock," published in 1923; "The Wisdom of the Body," published in 1932. Mr. Cannon has contributed articles describing movements of the stomach and intestines, internal secretions, effects of emotional excitement, surgical shock, organic stabilization, chemical mediation of nerve impulses, as well as papers on medical education and in defense of medical research.

"Mr. Cannon resides at 6 Frisbie Place, Cambridge, Massachusetts."

80-6. This reference is identical with 80-28.

100-9631-3-page 36. This is a report of Special Agent R. Bert Carter, 1/2/43, Boston, Massachusetts, in the case entitled Science and Society, a Marxian Quarterly, Internal Security (I). A section of this report concerning book reviews indicates that Walter B. Cannon is the author of Eulenburg-Wiener "Fearfully and Wonderfully Made" and recently published



"Digestion and Health."

100-15097-1. This is a newspaper clipping from the Daily Worker of May 3, 1944 on file in the case entitled Council for a Democratic Germany. The article is captioned "Anti-Fascist Germans Form New Group Here." The article indicates that a Council for a Democratic Germany was formed after months of negotiations and that endorsement of the new council was made public through Dr. Niebuhr and by Dr. Walter B. Cannon and several other individuals. The signers of the declaration who said they were in no sense forming a government in exile stressed only through cooperation between the western powers and Russia will it be possible to achieve the reconstruction of Europe which must follow the defeat of Hitler Germany. This office has several files on some of the sponsors of this group.

100-1384-2. This is a newspaper clipping from the Boston Globe of December 20, 1943 in the file entitled "Friends of Italian Freedom," which article is captioned "Salvemini calls on AMG to oust former Fascists." The article stated Gaetano Salvemini of Harvard University, addressed the audience at Faneuil Hall at which time he stated policies of the American government in retaining King Emmanuel and Marshal Badoglio and using former Fascist officials to govern liberated Italy was wrong. Dr. Walter B. Cannon was listed as a sponsor of the meeting.

100-369-1217. This is an OHI filing dated July, 1940 indicating that Walter B. Cannon of Harvard Medical School is on the red list and that he is connected with the American Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy.

It is suggested that before a RUC report is dictated in this case that the alleged death of Dr. Cannon be checked and it is suggested that Lieutenant Nolan of the Manhattan District Engineers Office, 161 Devonshire Street, Boston, 11 floor, be discreetly contacted to determine if Dr. Cannon was at any time engaged in research concerning the Manhattan project.

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cc Dr. Walter Cannon

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : FILE #100-17092

DATE: April 4, 1946

FROM : S. A. CHARLES E. PELLETIER

SUBJECT: DR. WALTER BRADFORD CANNON aka: WALTER B. KANNON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

The report of Special Agent FREDERICK M. CONNORS, Dated 1/2/46 at Boston, Mass., in the case entitled: "VLADIMIR VLADIMIROVICH LEBEDENKO, With Aliases, INTERNAL SECURITY - R", reflects that DR. WALTER B. CANNON died October 1, 1945 at Franklin, New Hampshire; and as this has not been verified, the Resident Agent covering Franklin, N.H., Special Agent R. S. McLEOD should verify the death of Subject.

In order to consolidate all the references concerning Subject, a copy of serial 2 of file 100-16757 should be removed from this file and placed in Subject's file and all the remaining references concerning Subject should be reviewed in the very near future.

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BOSTON FIELD OFFICE	
<i>W. B. McLeod</i>	<i>R. S.</i>

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : File 100-17092

DATE: 4/17/46

FROM : RSK:ed

SUBJECT: DR. WALTER BRADFORD CANNON, aka Walter B. Cannon  
Security Matter- C

A death record on file at the Bureau of Vital Statistics, State House, Concord, N.H., indicates above captioned subject died at 3:05 a.m. on Oct. 1, 1945 in the Franklin hospital, Franklin, N.H. Cause of death is recorded as "broncho-pneumonia."

This record further indicates subject was born Oct. 19, 1871 in Prairie du Chien, Wis., son of Calbert H. and Wilma Lenie Cannon, both natives of New York state. His occupation was listed as "physiologist, professor, author." His body was cremated at Watertown, Mass., on Oct. 3, 1945.

The lead set forth in the file memo of SA Charles E. Pelletier dated April 4, 1946 is considered covered.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MEMO TO FILE #100-17092

FROM : S. A. PHILIP M. BREED

SUBJECT: MRS. WALTER BRADFORD CANNON  
SECURITY MATTER - C

DATE: 7/9/46

Letter from the Washington Field Office to the Boston Field Office dated June 3, 1946 in that file entitled: "SODAC, WASHINGTON, D. C., INTERNAL SECURITY - R", enclosed a number of photographs of letters directed by the Soviet Embassy in Washington, D. C., to a number of individuals. Among the persons to whom a letter was sent was Mrs. WALTER BRADFORD CANNON, 20 Prescott Street, Cambridge, Mass. There was also a copy of a letter to Dr. LEBEDENKO, in care of Soviet Embassy, Washington, D. C., from Mrs. WALTER BRADFORD CANNON. Her letter to him was as follows: "Dear Dr. Lebedenko - I plan to go to South Africa next fall to visit a daughter living there, and in the spring I want to go to Egypt and then, if possible to the U.S.S.R. Dr. CANNON wanted to go back after ten years to see how the promise of 1935 had been fulfilled in your interesting country. Since that is impossible I want to go to see it with the thought of him in mind. I understand that a visa is difficult to get. I am not to get my Armenian passport until September, and accordingly I had thought I would try in Pretoria at the U.S.S.R. Embassy there to get the visa. Could you give me a helpful letter to make this possible or in some way to vouch for my genuine friendship for the U.S.S.R. or advise me how best to go about the task? Cordially yours, CORNELIA JAMES CANNON."

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October 7, 1947

FROM: SA JOHN F. LEAHY

SUBJECT: Mrs. WALTER B. CANNON, Prescott St., Cambridge, Mass.  
INTERNAL SECURITY - C.

Mr. WATSON VEDITO, 70 Providence Street, Boston, Massachusetts, access to trash cover, Samuel Adams School for Social Studies, on September 12, 1947 found in the trash several small envelopes some of which contained the following announcements:

"THE BOSTON FRIENDS of the VETERANS OF THE ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE invite you to an evening honoring Mrs. LEAH MANNING, British Labour, M.P. on Monday evening, September 8 at 8 o'clock at the YWCA Studio, 140 Clarendon St., Boston, Admission: 60 cents, tax included.

"Mrs. LEAH MANNING from besieged Bilbao where she organized the evacuation of 4,000 children, to the British Parliament to which she was elected as a member of the Labour Party; Mrs. LEAH MANNING has built up an outstanding record of militant service to the cause of democracy.

"She has recently visited Spain with a British delegation, and now comes to bring to American audiences a clear sighted and timely report on conditions inside Franco Spain.

**SPEAKERS:**

MRS. LEAH MANNING  
British Labour M.P.

MARK ALPER  
Veteran of the Lincoln Brigade

Tickets may be ordered from MARK ALPER, Chairman, 20 Prescott Street, Cambridge, Mass."

On a card which was also found in the envelope was the following:

"THE BOSTON FRIENDS of the VETERANS of the ABRAHAM LINCOLN BRIGADE

"We want our country to take the lead in the fight against fascism by initiating in the Security Council of the United Nations a Universal Break of diplomatic and economic relations with Franco Spain.

"We now must give full financial support to the Spanish people fighting for Spanish freedom. All proceeds from this evening in honor of Mrs. Manning will go to the Basque Strikers and their families."

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A number of envelopes which have been addressed were found in the trash. They were all of the same small size used in sending out the above announcements. Each name and address has been placed on a separate memo.

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SA RICHARD W. DOW

Mrs. WALTER CANNON  
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

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[redacted] on October 8, 1947 advised JACQUELINE STEINER contacted FAITH SWERDLOW at the MEASF. They discussed HELEN DUBOUCHET's activities regarding her new committee to oust Franco. She said DUBOUCHET had gone to see Mrs. WALTER CANNON this afternoon with JOHN FINDLEY. DUBOUCHET is doing her work now at the American Soviet office. FAITH said plans were underway for ELLA WINTER's meetings and the Dean of Canterbury's reception. Mrs. SARAH GORDON loaned FAITH \$100 for expenses of the Canterbury reception.

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SA RICHARD W. DOW

*Walter B.*  
Mrs. CANNON  
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

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[redacted] on April 23, 1948 advised HENRY COPLEY GREEN contacted JACKIE STEINER and said that he was talking to ALEXANDER FORBES yesterday and FORBES said that several persons had put pressure on him to resign but he is not doing so. JACKIE mentioned that Mrs. CANNON has sent a letter out to several of the members and JACKIE stated that she received a resignation from Dr. AUB (or ORB) (phonetic) this morning, probably as a result of the CANNON letter. JACKIE told Mr. GREEN she had spoken to HOWARD BRIDGES this morning regarding the Unitarians.

JACKIE contacted Mrs. SUMNER WEISS and asked if the letter would explain her resignation from the JAFRC. Mrs. WEISS stated that when she joined the organization she was of the opinion its purpose was to raise funds for the Cannon Memorial Hospital but since she has discovered that the organization is involved in political work "and other things" she decided to submit her resignation as a sponsor.

JACKIE contacted Mrs. HENRY COPLEY GREENE. JACKIE informed that Mrs. SUMNER WEISS had resigned from the JAFRC and GREENE expressed amazement at such action, commenting that the loss of Mrs. WEISS and Dr. JOSEPH ORB (or ORBER) (phonetic) as sponsors were the two most serious losses the organization has had. She added that from recent comment, particularly about Madame CURIE's local appearance, she expected more resignations as there seemed to be many sponsors and other JAFRC friends who resented CURIE's "political speech." GREENE said the CANNON fund would suffer greatly without JAFRC help and commended STEINER for meeting the monthly quota of \$500 for the fund. She said no other organization was presently set up for raising of such funds and that the Unitarian Service Committee does accept donations but has received only \$5 since last September (except \$500 monthly from the JAFRC) and that the \$5 donation was from Mrs. WALTER CANNON herself. Mrs. GREENE said she would try to give STEINER some advice and assistance to halt the many resignations but could not do so at least for a few days as she is presently involved in organizing a women's committee for the Wallace campaign.

JACKIE STEINER contacted ANN GOLD, after having been informed by ELLEN LUSCOMB that GOLD wished to donate some clothing to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Refugees. STEINER introduced herself to ANNA GOLD and gave her the address of the New York warehouse. (ANN GOLD resides at 21 Parkvale Avenue, Brookline.)

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Mrs. WALTER B. CANNON 100-  
INTERNAL SECURITY (C)

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[redacted] on April 23, 1948 advised JACKIE STEINER contacted DICK EDSALL and advised him of the recent letter sent out by Mrs. WALTER B. CANNON to sponsors of the SRA, requesting them to send their contributions directly to the Unitarian Service Committee. She further advised that she had received a resignation from Dr. ORB (phonetic) this morning which she thought had been predicated on the CANNON letter. She stated that of course the Unitarians made no particular effort to raise money for the Spanish Refugees and look to the SRA for such funds. EDSALL suggested a letter to the sponsors, outlining this letter fact, and further suggested that she contact HOWARD BROOKS to see if he could join EDSALL in a visit to Mrs. CANNON in an effort to change her mind.

JACKIE STEINER contacted HOWARD BROOKS and asked if he would be willing to contact Mrs. CANNON with EDSALL. BROOKS stated that he would be willing to do so but thought that it would be of no avail. He advised that Mrs. CANNON was quite upset and that her feelings were of long standing. He stated she is particularly concerned with the political activities and subversive element alleged to exist in the SRA. BROOKS further suggested that she just cross off her books the "scary blue bloods" and "spend your time on left wingers who really want to do something." STEINER said she thought that a better idea.

STEINER contacted EDSALL and advised him of her talk with HOWARD BROOKS. EDSALL stated he was inclined to agree with BROOKS but suggested that the letter go out to the sponsors and mention should be made of the fact that the Unitarians do not do any specific fund raising for the Spanish Refugees. STEINER advised she would contact BROOKS for a statement to this effect.

JACKIE STEINER contacted HOWARD BROOKS and asked if she could state in a letter to their sponsors that the Unitarians did not raise funds for the refugees. BROOKS advised that he would send her a note to this effect, which she could quote in her letter.

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Mrs. WALTER B. CANNON  
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[redacted] on April 14, 1948 advised a woman, secretary of Professor FORBES (phonetic) of Tufts, contacted ELEANOR ROSEN ALPERT and asked for the name of the executive secretary. ROSEN informed her it was STEINER. The woman advised she had sent a letter requesting this information and told her to disregard the letter.

ELEANOR contacted MILT GARRETT and asked if she could make an announcement of their theater party at the Ward 14 PCA meeting tonight. GARRETT advised this would be all right. He further advised that the meeting would be on Palestine and they anticipated a very large turnout as the Foreign Editor of PM (I. F. STONE) would be the main speaker.

Dr. FINE contacted JARVIS STEINER to advise he had received a letter from Mrs. WALTER B. CANNON in which the latter requested that all donations to the Cannon Memorial in the future be forwarded directly to the Unitarian Service Committee rather than to SRA. Her letter further stated that she was making this same request to all possible donors. FINE questioned STEINER as to the exact disposition of local funds and the latter stated that after overhead deductions are made for the local office, the funds go to New York City and thence to the Unitarian Service. She referred him to Dr. FREDERICK MAY SLIOT of the Unitarian Committee for details as to funds. FINE seemed quite concerned about the situation as he said the unfavorable publicity SRA had received lately would serve only to make him a stronger supporter of it but he thought there must be something more serious to prompt Mrs. CANNON to make such a move as he did not think her susceptible to any such charges unless there was foundation for them. STEINER was quite excited about such a sudden development and said she would inform the local SRA officials immediately.

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Mrs. WALTER B. CANNON  
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On 4/16/48, [REDACTED] furnished the following information:

ELEANOR ROSEN ALPERT contacted an unknown woman. ALPERT said she had attended a PCA meeting in Revere last night where the machine was organized for the canvassing drive. She said the meeting was well attended and very successful. The canvassing drive is to start Sunday morning.

ELEANOR ROSEN ALPERT contacted someone at the Federal Building, requesting a copy of the Taft-Hartley Law be sent to her residence, 59 Garfield Street, Revere, Mass.

JACQUELINE STEINER contacted ELEANOR ALPERT for a report on the morning mail. ALPERT reported the only mail of importance was a letter from Mrs. WALTER B. CANNON to EDWIN B. GOODELL of the JAFRC. The letter read: "Yes, Mr. GOODELL, I have written to a few of my friends, chiefly doctors whose names have appeared as sponsors of the JAFRC, that I have withdrawn the use of my name as a sponsor, for I know that many of them had only joined because of affection for my husband, and were disturbed at appearing to endorse an organization with which they were not in sympathy. The suggestion that they might contribute directly to the Unitarian Service Committee seemed to me would preserve their connection with the hospital without any complicating allegiance. Perhaps the gifts will represent a gain, since the total contribution can be used for the hospital and not reduced by the ten percent kept for the expenses of the JAFRC."

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Mrs. W. B. CANNON

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[redacted] on 4/14/48 advised ELEANOR ALPERT contacted ROZ (LNU) and the latter advised she could not attend the Ward 14 PCA meeting tonight as there was to be an Executive meeting of AYD at EDNA (PELOUSKY's) home.

WED GOODELL contacted JACKIE STEINER and STEINER advised him of the letter from Mrs. W. B. CANNON and subsequent talk with Dr. PINE. GOODELL stated that off hand he thought it might be their present tax status to which STEINER commented "or ARTHUR M. SCHLESINGER, Jr." GOODELL will come to the office to discuss it with STEINER.

JACKIE STEINER contacted Mrs. (ROSE?) KORB. KORB stated she and her husband were interested in the theater party. KORB added she would contact a few friends to see if they would be interested also. Then KORB will contact STEINER.

BOB MILLER contacted JACKIE STEINER. JACKIE stated the theater tickets were not selling at all and that she was afraid that she would have to return the 300 additional tickets BOB gave to them. JACKIE stated that at the most they would be able to sell 200 tickets. BOB told her that the reviews on Sunday and Tuesday would help their sales. JACKIE stated she is going to hold the tickets until the first of the week.

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[redacted] on May 8, 1948 advised Dr. GOLDBERG contacted ELEANOR ALPERT. GOLDBERG said he attended a dinner party in Cambridge with officers of the JAFPC on a night on which O. JOHN ROGGE was here to speak at the Old South (February 6) and that he was anxious to get in touch with a professor from Goddard College (Vermont) who also attended the meeting. ALPERT suggested he contact JACQUE STEINER upon her return from her field trip.

A man (possibly EYDSON ALPERT) contacted information and asked for the telephone number of FERNAND DE VOTO, 6 Berkeley Street, Cambridge.

ELEANOR ALPERT contacted FERNAND DE VOTO, asking the latter if he received a copy of a letter written by HED GOSWELL of the JNA. This letter contained information concerning the recent attacks on the JAFPC secretary and solicitation of contributions to keep up the fight as well as assisting Spanish Refugees. ALPERT added that FLORENCE LUCAS suggested ALPERT talk to DE VOTO since the latter is active in Civil Liberties matters. DE VOTO replied he has not read his correspondence and doubted if he would sign anything connected with the Cannon Memorial Hospital. If interested, said DE VOTO, he would contact the Committee.

ELEANOR ALPERT contacted DIANA (DON), asking the latter for the address of "MINE." DIANA replied his correct name is SELVIN ROSENTHALL, 22 Sheppard Street, Quincy, Massachusetts.

ELEANOR ALPERT attempted to contact WINNIE COSICK at the Shirley Radio Store in Revere without success.

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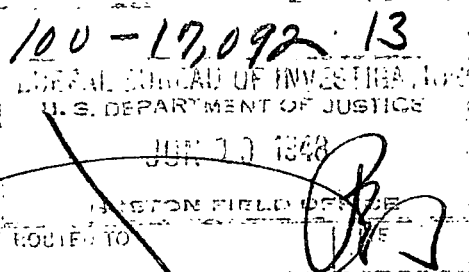
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[redacted] on 6/1/48 advised JACKIE STEINER contacted Dr. JACOB FINE and told him of the urgency of sending telegrams in connection with the Mundt Bill. FINE stated he had already done quite a bit of work on the bill. FINE said he was going to have a talk with Mrs. (WALTER) CANNON's son and find out the truth about her resignation from the SPA. FINE told JACKIE that if Mrs. CANNON would "put her cards on the table" he would be willing to debate with her and convince her that she was just "a scared old woman." FINE said he would contact JACKIE later and give her any further information he might be able to secure on Mrs. CANNON.

JACKIE STEINER contacted Mr. GREENBERG of the Cable Raincoat Company and asked him if he would send a telegram to Senator Wiley, protesting the Mundt-Nixon Bill. GREENBERG said he would be glad to and JACKIE dictated a telegram to him. JACKIE told Mr. GREENBERG about the delegation going by plane on June 2, and mentioned that the delegation would be made up of people from the unions and universities in the Greater Boston area. (Informant notes that no mention was made of the Communist Party).

JACKIE contacted JOHN FINDLY at the Unitarian Service Committee and told him that she was told that the Cannon Memorial Hospital would take only Communists and mentioned that that was the concern of the administrators; namely, the Unitarian Service. JOHN told JACKIE that the Unitarian Service was not managing the hospital now and stated that a French Partisan group was running the hospital now. JACKIE said "I had better see you right away."

JACKIE STEINER contacted Mr. HORASTI and said she would like to see him for a few minutes. Mr. HORASTI told her to come over any time, and JACKIE said she would be right over.



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SA R. W. DOW

Mrs. WALTER B. CANNON 100-

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[redacted] on 3/31/49 advised MILTON GARRETT contacted LILLIAN BLOOM. BLOOM mentioned that the SRA was having more trouble over the WALTER B. CANNON Hospital as Mrs. CANNON has asked the SRA to discontinue the use of Dr. CANNON's name. She added that the New York office of the SRA had ordered all offices to withhold any appeal letters being circulated for the hospital and BLOOM said that a mailing she was working on would have to be scrapped.

LILLIAN BLOOM contacted FLO WILLIAMS at the UOPWA and made a reservation to attend the dinner party for FLORENCE LUSCOMB.

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SA RICHARD W. DOW

WALTER B. CANNON  
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[REDACTED] on 4-12-49 furnished the following information:

CAROL LEVY contacted LILLIAN BLOOM. They made a date for lunch and will meet at the Furniture Workers' office, since LEVY did not want to meet at UOPWA. LILLIAN had called UOPWA looking for LEVY earlier and had been told that LEVY was not in. She told LEVY this and LEVY said that she herself had answered the phone and had given BLOOM that story because she had not wished to talk from the UOPWA office. LEVY spoke in a weak, nervous voice.

LILLIAN BLOOM contacted MALLY O'BRIEN at Progressive Party. LILLIAN made arrangements to use their addressograph machine this afternoon.

HELEN BRYANT of NYC contacted LILLIAN BLOOM. BRYANT said an open letter on France ~~again~~ is being written and the list of sponsors for the Walter Cannon Drive is desired by NYC. She suggested that when typing same, BLOOM delete the names of the "extremely fascist-minded people" such as Mrs. CANNON and others.

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## OFFICE MEMORANDUM

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : SAC

DATE: August 31, 1951

FROM : THOMAS F. McLAUGHLIN, JR., SA

SUBJECT: Mrs. WALTER B. CANNON  
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[redacted] made available copy of a communication by the Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts dated March 29, 1951, under the signature of LUTHER KNIGHT MacNAIR, Executive Secretary, directed to the members of the Massachusetts General Court (State Senate and House of Representatives.)

The communication was as follows:

"In the past year or two numerous measures have been introduced in the General Court designed to attack Communism in one way or another, but the actual operation of which would have been to destroy or undermine the basic American liberties of free thought, speech, assembly, press, peaceful political action, criticism and dissent — in short, to destroy democracy itself.

"An impressive number of organizations and many responsible citizens have recorded themselves at hearings and otherwise in support of civil liberties and in opposition to one or more of these bills tampering with them. We invite your attention to the enclosed list of these organizations and individuals.

"We trust you will bear in mind this large body of public opinion when any measures subversive of civil liberties come before you for a vote."

The list referred to above bears the caption "Organizations and Individuals Recorded in Opposition to Measures Subversive of Civil Liberties, 1951." Included on the list was the following:

Cambridge ---- Mrs. WALTER B. CANNON

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TO : SAC (att: 100-17092\* )

DATE: October 25, 1954

FROM : B. NICOL

SUBJECT: CORNELIA CANNON ; aka: Mrs. Walter B. Cannon  
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The Indices of the Boston Office were searched and the following references, believed identical with subject were found.

100-16818-1464

This reference is an office memo from SA R.S. MC LEOD dated 8/13/48 to SAC, Boston, titled "PCA MAILING LIST NEW HAMPSHIRE- Internal Security- (C)

Attached are three lists furnished by [redacted] The informant is unable to ascertain the sources from which these names were obtained. The names were furnished to [redacted] by NANCY SWEEZEY, organizer of the PCA, in New Hampshire. The informant suspects that some of the names were furnished SWEEZEY by ELBA CHASE NELSON.

The list of names included one: MRS. WALTER CANNON, Franklin, New Hampshire.

100-23044-456

This reference is an office memo from SA PAUL M. ROTHERMEL, Jr. dated 6/8/53 to SAC, Boston, titled "LIBERAL CITIZENS OF MASSACHUSETTS"- INTERNAL SECURITY-C-

[redacted] ( file # [redacted] ) furnished the writer by mail on April 29, 1953, with a written report dated April 19, 1953, and an attached list of names taken from the file of the Liberal Citizens of Massachusetts and according to the informant, used as a mailing list by this organization. The informant's report and attached list of names are being maintained in the informant's file [redacted]

The name on the attached list include: 100-17092-17

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This page lists Mrs. W.B. CANNON.  
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cc- 100-30099\*(Cornelia Cannon)

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TO : SAC, BOSTON (100-14764)  
 FROM : SA FRANCIS K. KANE, JR.  
 SUBJECT: ELIZABETH PUTNAM BARBER  
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DATE: April 29, 1955

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ELIZABETH PUTNAM BARBER was interviewed by agents of the Richmond Division on January 17, 1955. On Feb. 3, 1955, she furnished a signed statement concerning her own activities in the Communist movement and she also identified other individuals known to her to have been connected with the Communist movement.

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100-20916	CP Defectee File, IS - C
100-19028	LOUIS HARAP, SM - C
100-27510	Mrs. NORMAN LEVINSON, SM - C
100-17092	Dr. WALTER B. CANNON, SM - C
100-18003	CP, Cambridge Branch, IS - C
100-16798	RHODA ALDRICH, SM - C
100-12656	LEIGH STEINHART CAUMAN, SM - C
100-22231	AMHERST CITIZENS COMMITTEE, IS - C
100-1749	AMERICAN CIVIL LIBERTIES UNION, IS - C
100-18466	BETTY FURRY, SM - C
100-16882	ALICE ANDUR, SM - C
100-12948	DICK EDSALL, SM - C
100-3637	FRANCES SIEGAL, SM - C
100-2287	MARGOT CLARK, SM - C
100-47	HY GORDON, SM - C
100-28164	RICHARD SCHLATTER, SM - C
100-22332	RICHARD GOODWIN, SM - C
100-22762	GRANVILLE HICKS, SM - C
100-926	DANIEL BOONE SCHIRMER, IS - C
100-595	EMMA PEARLIN, SM - C
100-15954	ETHEL MACHANIC ALPER, SM - C
100-15402	BENJAMIN ALPER, SM - C
100-16105	EDWIN B. GOODFELL, SM - C
100-14315	Rev. STEPHEN FRITCHMAN, SM - C
100-19110	WILLIAM CARY, SM - C
100-1843	FLORENCE LUSCUMB, SM - C
100-16218	PERDIS MILLER, SM - C
100-23388	Mrs. RICHARD GOODWIN, SM - C

The following names are indexed to 100-14764-45:

LEAGUE OF NATIONS ASSOCIATION; COMMITTEE TO AID THE SPANISH REFUGEES; Major ALAN JOHNSON; Mr. and Mrs. KLEIN, Amherst, Mass.; LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS; BOB DAVIS; Mrs. LAURENCE GROSE; Mr. and Mrs. WALTER (3) PIERCE; NORMAN GROSSENBACHER; CARL GROSSENBACHER; BOB HEINE

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The following individuals and/or organizations are not being indexed to instant serial in view of the fact that they have been previously indexed to 100-14764-45, report of SA HOWARD F. RICHARDSON, dated February 8, 1955, at Richmond, captioned "Mrs. CESAR LOMBARDI BARBER, SECURITY MATTER - C:"

LEAGUE FOR PEACE AND DEMOCRACY

"THE YANKS ARE NOT COMING"

PAT SHER

ALICE ANSARA

RUBY SHER

(FNU) ANSARA

MEDICAL BUREAU TO AID SPANISH DEMOCRACY RESCUE MISSION

The following is a signed statement executed by ELIZABETH PUTNAM BARBER on February 3, 1955 at Alexandria, Virginia:

"Alexandria, Virginia

"I, Elizabeth Putnam Barber, furnish the following voluntary statement to Howard E. Richardson and William L. Collier, who have identified themselves to me as Special Agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation. I have been advised that I do not have to make a statement, that I might have an attorney, and that any statement I do make could be used in a court of law against me.

"I was born on July 20, 1914 at Washington, D. C.; I graduated from the Madeira School in 1932 and attended Bryn Mawr College, leaving after two and a half years because of illness. I attended Radcliff College in 1936 to 1938, but did not remain to complete my degree. I was married in 1936 and have three children, born in 1940, 1941 and 1947. We lived in Cambridge, Massachusetts from October, 1936 to September, 1941; in New Ipswich, N. H., from September, 1941 to the summer of 1942; in Cambridge again until June of 1943. We moved to Woods Hole in November, 1943; I stayed on there while my husband was in the Navy and was employed for nine months at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute; we left in 1946. Since September, 1946, we have lived in Amherst, Massachusetts, which is our home address. We are living at 206 Marthas Road, Alexandria, Virginia, for the winter of 1954-55 while my husband is on sabbatical leave from Amherst College.

"When I joined the Communist Party in February, 1939, it was because of a combination of despair over what the great democracies seemed to have done in allowing the defeat of the Spanish Republican Government, and a hope that Communism would create better conditions for all people. I also had a passionate anti-war feeling, originating in the period after the first world war when we believed that war had been superseded; I had been profoundly shocked by the Italian attack on Ethiopia. I never believed or was asked to believe in the overthrow of the United States Government by force and violence. My opinion was that violent revolution was necessary in a backward agricultural country like Russia, but that in the United States socialism could be achieved in an orderly way by elections. I heard some arguments on



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this point among Communists and other radicals but the necessity of violence was not one of the dogmas of the CP in the days of the popular front. At least, liberals like myself were not told so. I did not believe that there was any conflict between CP membership and loyalty to the United States. I have never felt any allegiance of any kind to the Soviet Union. Towards the end of my membership in the CP I began to realize that there was a conflict of loyalties and this was one of the reasons for my withdrawing from the CP.

"As a reason for joining the party in the beginning I should mention Andre Malraux' novel, Man's Fate, which made a very deep impression on me. It made me think that the most intelligent people of our time were joining revolutionary movements all over the world, and that it was possible to express artistic and spiritual values through dedicating oneself to such a movement. My antipathy to violence I quieted by saying to myself that China was another feudalistic country like Russia, so that the violence Malraux describes was unavoidable.

"Due primarily to my concern about the Spanish Civil War, I made up my mind to join the Communist Party late in the year 1938 ( I actually had little interest in Russia; my interest was in Spain and in bettering conditions in this country). Before joining the CP I belonged to the League for Peace and Democracy and went to Washington at Christmastime, 1938 as a delegate to a convention of the League. This was held in the Almas Temple on K Street and lasted two or three days. After the convention ended there was a one-day meeting on the subject of the Spanish Civil War which I also attended. I believe that I was appointed as a delegate to this convention in order to test my 'reliability' before I was allowed to join the CP.

"I actually joined, I think, in February of 1939, and was issued a membership book under the name of PRISILLA STEVENS. I was interviewed by an assistant teacher or librarian at Harvard named LOUIS HAMP, who first advised me not to join because people of my type, he suggested, could be more useful if they were not actually members. I was anxious to take the full step of membership, however, so he referred me to Mrs. NORMAN LEVINSON (Fagy Levinson), who introduced me to my particular group. I attended weekly meetings during that winter and spring. I had been a volunteer worker for the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy, headed by Dr. Walter B. Cannon, since early in the fall of 1938, and I continued to do volunteer work in that office, typing, stuffing envelopes, addressing, stamping, keeping cards up to date.

"The summer of 1939 I spent in East Rupert, Vermont. The next fall, on returning to Cambridge, I was disappointed to be told by some officer of the

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CP in Cambridge that I was to work that winter in an organization in support of the League of Nations. My disappointment was due to the fact that my chief interest still lay with the Spanish refugees, now that the Civil War was over. The League of Nations Association was a dying organization and there was very little work of any kind to be done for it. Sometime in the spring of 1940, it was disbanded at a luncheon at a Boston hotel.

"During the summer of 1939, or early fall, while I was in Vermont, a split occurred in the committee to aid the Spanish Refugees. The Communists and pro-Communists separated from the adherents of Dr. Cannon and formed a new committee, taking with them the mailing lists of the original Medical Bureau of the Boston area. There was great bitterness between the two factions and I was much troubled by that and by the theft, as I see it now, of the mailing lists. I accepted, however, the position of the Communists that this split was necessary and supported the new committee which, if I remember correctly, did very little during the winter of 1939-40.

"During this period and the summer of 1940 I continued to attend weekly CP meetings which, as I remember it, were largely devoted to collecting dues, selling party literature, and 'education.' During late May of 1940 I worked for a committee called "The Yanks are not Coming," organizing groups of people to go out with petitions called 'Peace Ballots.' My job was done by telephone because I had a baby only a few weeks old. We also circulated petitions for the distribution of surplus food. And I did one day's work of door-to-door campaigning for Communist Party candidates in the presidential campaign of 1940, in Brockton, Massachusetts.

"In the fall of 1940 the committee to aid the Spanish Refugees took a new lease on life with the formation of the Rescue Ship Mission. An organizer who called himself 'Major Johnson' (or perhaps 'Jones') was sent up from New York to launch this work in Boston. A luncheon was held for all old sponsors and interested people at which the organizer made an announcement and I had agreed to be the new Executive Secretary. I was very much shocked and angered not to have been consulted ahead of time and to have been presented in this public way with a fait accompli, but, as in the case of the stolen mailing lists, I persuaded myself that the work was more important than my personal feelings, took the job and went ahead. Major Johnson, whose bullying methods I disliked very much, stayed in Boston about a week, set up the Rescue Ship Mission office in my apartment, hired a stenographer (and even found me a part-time maid to take care of my child!)

"From then on until early June of 1941 I worked extremely hard and single-mindedly on this project, which was to charter a steamship and bring over

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to Mexico shiploads of Spanish refugees who were in desperate straits in France. The work was very discouraging and constantly interrupted by quarrels among these people who all purported to be interested in helping the refugees. The committee was also under constant attack as a red front.

"I was ill during the summer of 1941 and in the fall left Cambridge for one year during which we lived in New Ipswich, N. H., where I took no part in any CP or organizational activities.

"In the fall of 1942 I returned to Cambridge and began again to attend weekly party meetings and to work for the 'Spanish Committee,' which had been reorganized once more. During this winter our committee cooperated with Dr. Cannon's group. It was now engaged in raising money for a hospital and children's center in Southern France. I refused to become executive secretary again, or to have the office in my house again. I was on the executive committee all during the year and continued to give more time to this work than to anything else.

"During the winter of 1942-43, I was the literature agent of the small neighborhood CP group to which I belonged. (I also attempted to initiate a reading group for any of those party members who were interested because I felt that we were not well informed about Communism or current events, but I was never able to get this plan beyond the initial stages.) Up until this time, our group had always been told that we were to hide our CP membership as carefully as possible, and to avoid activities where, if seen, our Communist Party membership would be obvious. In the winter of 1942-43, however, this policy was changed and we were all required to go out and distribute flyers and leaflets one evening a week, and to sell the Daily Worker from door to door on Sunday mornings.

"In the spring of 1943 when the college year ended, my husband and I left Cambridge and went to Dorset, Vermont for the summer. In the fall, we moved to Woods Hole, Mass., where he had taken a wartime job. From the time we left Cambridge, my interest in and loyalty to the CP faded, and I took no part in any activities or contacts, with one single exception. In February of 1944, on a visit to Cambridge, I called on a member of the Cambridge CP, RHODA ALDRICH, and paid dues for a year. LEIGH STEINHART was present. That was the last contact I had with any party member and from then on I became rapidly unsympathetic. No one I had known as a Communist in Cambridge ever made any effort to contact me, and I never until now considered it necessary to make any more decisive gesture to break with the CP. In the fall of 1946, when we had just arrived in Amherst, I was approached by a couple named ELLEN to take part in an Amherst Citizens' Committee or some such organization by circulating petitions against the high cost of living. I went out one evening with Mr. ELLEN and then decided it was just too much like things I had been involved in in Cambridge, and so withdrew.

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"Since the time of my last contact with the CP in February of 1944, I have taken very little political action of any kind. My interests shifted to helping with the war in the small ways that a housewife with very young children could help. When my husband joined the Navy in 1944 I decided to take a job and found one at the Woods Hole Oceanographic Institute. This was a part-time job -- four hours a day -- and I think I was classified as a clerk. I enjoyed this work and would have been glad to keep the job all during my stay at Woods Hole, but I learned in July, 1944 that because of my CP membership I was never 'cleared' by the agents who investigated employees of the Oceanographic Institute. I went to the Director and offered my resignation. He, however, was willing to keep me on in non-sensitive work in spite of the lack of clearance. I tried staying for two or three months, but felt uncomfortable and finally did resign. This is the chapter of my experience of which I am most ashamed at present. This would have been a very good time to disassociate myself from the CP. Instead I was still so much under the influence of Communist thinking that I believed I would be fired if I admitted that I had been a member and I also believed that my husband would lose his commission in the Navy. Consequently, I said that I had worked since 1938 for the different Spanish Committees but denied CP membership.

"Once the war was over, my interest shifted to activities connected with the education of my children and the welfare of my community. I have taken part in PTA, Scouts and Church work, although I have not formally joined any church yet; I have conducted a program to help and publicize the Children's Air Association.

"I would like to make clear that I consider the past ten years a period of re-education. Having learned the Communist line during a period of five years, I have been ever since testing and discarding what I learned. Prejudices I acquired against the Scout movement as 'nationalist' and 'militaristic,' against religion as 'myth' and 'fairytale' and an 'opiate,' against charitable work to aid poor people as an evasion of the true causes of poverty, have all had to be unlearned and new attitudes and knowledge put in their place. I have been learning about my own community by working in the League of Women Voters. And by working in the local committee of the American Civil Liberties Union -- of which I was chairman for one year -- I have learned a good deal about the legal basis of liberty.

"As I look back now, I see my motives in joining the CP as idealistic, romantic, and humanitarian. I can also see now that my disillusionment began at once although I was too stubborn to pay attention to the signs. I was disappointed from the beginning to find the organization careless and in particular to find that the Party members I met had no interest in studying

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and finding out what they were about. In addition, almost everyone I knew was frightened. I myself was much relieved when, during our long absences from Cambridge, one of which lasted a year, I had no party work. And I could never bring myself to do any recruiting.

"The secrecy of Party membership, which many people find so repugnant, did not trouble me in the beginning, I can only explain this by saying that my attitude was childish, like that of a very young person joining a secret club or society. When I did begin to be seriously disturbed by the lies and dishonesty that the secrecy caused in my personal life, I again quieted my conscience by saying to myself that the time would come when the secrecy would be no longer necessary and I could be an 'open communist.'

"With the exception of the lies caused by secrecy, I did not come into contact with dishonest behavior among the CP members of my immediate group. Along with other CP members of my type and background, I was told and believed that there were no spies in the CP, USA, that every government had its spies and that Soviet spies were an entirely separate matter. I did not run into the misuse of funds which I now believe took place. The money which I helped raise for medical aid to Spain and for aid to Spanish refugees was carefully accounted for and sent to New York. It never came to my attention that these funds were not being used for the purpose for which they were ostensibly being collected.

"I now believe that I was a willing dupe of the CP, USA, blinding myself to the aspects of the Party I did not like and seeing in it what I wanted to see. I would like to say in conclusion, however, that I consider my membership a useful experience in that I learned the true value of democracy.

"I cannot remember all the people I knew in the CP in Cambridge and Boston. Some I have forgotten completely, I am sure, and some I remember but not their names. It was understood that we knew each other by our first names only and often that was all we ever learned. My CP group included at various times:

BETTY FURRY, wife of W. FURRY of Harvard.

ALICE AMDUR, wife of I. AMDUR of Massachusetts Institute of Technology; according to the newspapers, Mrs. AMDUR is no longer a CP member.

PAT SHER, wife of RUBY SHER of Harvard.

HAROLD (?), a student, not at Harvard.

BS

RHODA ALDRICH, writer of fiction.

L'IGH STEINHART, graduate student, married an artist named CAULAN.

NORMAN GROSSENBACHER, wife of CARL GROSSENBACHER, an assistant at Harvard.

FAGI LEVINSON, wife of NORMAN LEVINSON, professor at Massachusetts Institute of Technology. Mrs. LEVINSON is also reported to have left the CP.

ALICE ANSARA, my successor as Executive Secretary of Committee to Aid Spanish Refugees.

(?) ANSARA, her husband. The ANSARAS were artists.

BOB HEINEMANN, teacher (?).

DICK EDSALL, teacher in a Cambridge Private School (?).

LOUIS HARAP, worked in one of the Harvard Libraries. This man recruited me into the CP.

FRANCES SIEGAL (I am not sure of this name).

MARGOT CLARK. FRANCES SIEGAL and MARGOT CLARK acted as liaison between CP groups.

HI GORDON, party organizer for Cambridge.

"These people we knew socially not through the CP. But they were to my knowledge Communists. The first four are no longer Communists.

RICHARD SCHLATTER, college teacher, now at Rutgers.

RICHARD GOODWIN, college teacher, now at Cambridge, England.

BOB DAVIS, College Teacher, now at Smith College.

GRANVILLE HICKS, author,

BOONE SCHIRMER, party organizer in Boston.

BS

"These people were associated with the work for the various Spanish Refugee Committees:

"Major ALAN JONES (or Johnson), organizer for the Rescue Ship Mission, sent to Boston from New York for about a week. I am not at all sure of this name but I always believed it was an alias, anyway. He claimed to be a veteran of the Abraham Lincoln Brigade.

"EMMA PEARLIN, there were two secretaries of the Medical Bureau to Aid Spanish Democracy when I first worked for it. This one was a CP member and remained closely connected with the work as long as I had anything to do with it. This is her maiden name. I have forgotten her married name.

ETHEL MACHANIC, an artist, who lived in Boston.

"I remember the following members of the Executive Boards of the various Spanish Air Committees. At my house in Amherst, I believe I have letter-heads that would give the names of all the Executive Board members during the time that I was connected with them. I know that I have forgotten many names. Some people were on the Executive Boards and never attended meetings. Many doctors were on the board at various times, and a few representatives of Boston labor unions. At one time, there was a newspaper man for a period.

"BENJAMIN ALPER, husband of ETHEL MACHANIC, mentioned above.

"RHODA ALDRICH, writer, mentioned on previous page.

"EDWIN B. GOODELL, Boston Architect.

(The three persons listed immediately above were known to me to be CP members, except that Mr. GOODELL was only known to me as a CP member by hearsay.)

"Mrs. LAWRENCE GROSE.

"Rev. STEPHEN FRITCHMAN, a board member until he moved to California.

"WILLIAM CARY

"FLORENCE LUSCOMB

"PERSIS MILLER

"Mrs. RICHARD GOODWIN

BS

"Mr. and Mrs. WALTER (?) PIERCE. Mr. PIERCE was for a time the treasurer of the Committee.

"I have read the above statement, consisting of this and eight additional pages, and have initialed the preceding eight pages, and have made a correction on page 8. This statement is true to the best of my knowledge and memory.

/s/ ELIZABETH PUTNAM BARBER  
Feb. 3, 1955

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WILLIAM L. COLLIER, SA, FBI, RICHMOND, VA."